

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP: HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: Thursday, December 19, 2013, 1:30 p.m., Conference Room 214, 2nd Floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Hewitt, Jim Johnson, Berwyn Jones, Liz Kuhlman, Jim McKee and Greg Munn; (Tim Francis absent). Ed Zimmer, Stacey Groshong Hagemen and Teresa McKinstry of the Planning Department. Nancy Hicks from the Lincoln Journal Star.

STATED PURPOSE OF MEETING: Regular Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Chair Greg Munn called the meeting to order and acknowledged the posting of the Open Meetings Act in the room.

Munn then requested a motion approving the minutes for regular meeting held November 21, 2013. Motion for approval made by Johnson, seconded by Kuhlman and carried 5-0: Hewitt, Johnson, Jones, Kuhlman and Munn voting 'yes'; McKee absent at time of vote; Francis absent.

APPLICATION BY NEBRASKA NEON SIGN COMPANY ON BEHALF OF PURE FITNESS FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR WORK AT 6038 HAVELOCK AVENUE IN THE HAVELOCK AVENUE LANDMARK DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEARING: December 19, 2013

Members present: Hewitt, Johnson, Jones, Kuhlman and Munn; McKee and Francis absent.

Ed Zimmer stated that this is a two story brick structure. The Nebraska Sign Company has proposed to install a projecting sign for the building, measuring 36 inches tall and 18 inches wide, with an offset of 20 inches from the building. This sign is may be undersized but is what the applicant requested. Traditionally, this was always a commercial main street and the Commission has acknowledged a different range of signs than might be typical Haymarket, warehouse district signs. He recommends this for approval.

Ryan Haffey stated that the sign material will be fabricated metal with no lighting.

ACTION:

Jones moved approval of the sign with size and graphics as proposed, seconded by Johnson.

Zimmer believes this building once had “masonic jewel” type signs.

Munn inquired about installation. Haffey replied they always try to install the sign in the mortar whenever possible.

Motion for approval carried 5-0: Hewitt, Johnson, Jones, Kuhlman and Munn voting ‘yes’; McKee and Francis absent.

**NOMINATION TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES OF LINCOLN
HAYMARKET HISTORIC DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING:**

December 19, 2013

Members present: Hewitt, Johnson, Jones, Kuhlman, McKee and Munn; Francis absent.

Zimmer stated that he has tried to order the nomination like a walk through the district. He does not believe it is beneficial at this point to produce compilation strictly by address, although he has included summary tables as an appendix for that purpose. He inserted quite a few illustrations into Section 7. The National Register format doesn’t put the main record photos in the text but he feels that some photos help the reader. He is trying to reflect the renovation history as well as original construction.

This district has been dealing with renovations for thirty plus years. 1881-1944 is the period of significance. He believes the basic form and almost all the buildings were in place by 1927. There were some subsequent events that had impact. He started looking more at renovations. In an early draft of the nomination, he had some more complicated boundaries. In terms of streetscape, more streamlined boundaries were formed. There are some additional non-contributing buildings in the district due to the wider boundaries but the district still have over 70% contributing properties. Overall, this is a district that has coherence. A major improvement in the boundaries is to include the railroad canopies. At the time of the local district designation, the Railroad owned the canopy and had legally blocked a National Register nomination. The west canopy is now in City ownership. Stacey Groshong Hagemen has created some maps, photos, and draft text for the nomination.

Zimmer presented photos of buildings in the district. Brick alleys are identified as contributing structures. The Harris Overpass is non-contributing. He believes the Train Depot is the most important building in the district. It is what the district evolved around. The brick street in front is identified as a contributing feature. There are 43 contributing features and 17 non-contributing.

Related to this, the Haymarket Business Association received a grant to reissue a Haymarket tour book and an online version. They will put all the illustrations out there.

Zimmer is going to include the Salvation Army building as contributing in the nomination, even though it is about two years shy of the fifty year requirement. He believes it is more

than worthy to be included in the nomination. Kuhlman questioned if the Salvation Army building would be listed as non contributing. Zimmer replied no. He will try to make the case for it to be included, even though it is just shy of being fifty years old.

Johnson believes it has the character.

Munn would like to see the Salvation Army building included in the National district as well.

Zimmer stated that Historic Preservation Commission review this application as a Certified Local Government. If it receives the endorsement of this board, then it goes on to the Mayor for review and recommendation then on to the Nebraska State Historical Society, and finally the Parks Service for final review to the National Register. He has asked State staff to schedule this for the January, 2014 meeting. The Parks Service would review within about 90 days after that.

ACTION:

Jones moved approval and endorsement of a National Register designation, seconded by Johnson.

Hewitt complimented Zimmer for doing a very nice job in laying out and writing this nomination.

Jones thanked Zimmer for a wonderful job done.

Motion for approval carried 6-0: Hewitt, Johnson, Jones, Kuhlman, McKee and Munn voting 'yes'; Francis absent.

Staff Report

- Zimmer stated that he and Groshong Hagemen are working on the annual reports. He will bring those forward for review when they are written. He will try to do these every year.
- Some designs are coming forward on additional West Haymarket parcels that are ready for public discussion. Zimmer believes these will warrant a joint meeting with Urban Design Committee, probably early next year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 2:40 p.m.